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HPC Workshop Wednesday August 29

Come discover the history of South Bend's Parks and Boulevards System, designed by famed landscape architect George Kessler. Mr. Kurt Culbertson, of The Cultural Landscapes Foundation, will present a discussion on the designer, who also crafted the urban landscapes of Dallas, Kansas City, and Indianapolis, among others. The presentation will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Branch of the St. Joseph County Public Library, and is made possible by a grant from the National Council on Public History. Admission is free, and open to the public.

As one of the preeminent landscape architects in the nation, Kessler was a leading figure of the City Beautiful movement at the beginning of the 20th century. He identified the key natural features of a city and designed parks, landscaped boulevards, and ornamental bridges around these features, which served as landmarks and linked the city together. During his 40-year career, he prepared plans for 26 park and boulevard systems, 49 parks, 46 estates & residents, and 26 schools. His projects can be found in 23 states, Mexico, and China and in 100 cities. In South Bend, Leeper Park and the recently refurbished Michigan Street bridge are highlights of his work.

HPC Workshop Wednesday is sponsored by Historic Preservation Commission of South Bend & St. Joseph County, and is part of South Bend City

Celebration 2007, a year-long festival of events and programs held on the 29th of every month to showcase all that our community has to enjoy. Locales include the Pierre Navarre Cabin at Leeper Park, the Muessel-Ellison & Ella Morris Greenhouse & Conservatories, Howard Park Ice Rink, St. Joseph Co. Public Library, the College Football Hall of Fame, Northern Indiana Center for History, South Bend Regional Museum of Art, Studebaker National Museum, City Cemetery, Coveleski Stadium, and the Jon Hunt Plaza (in front of the Morris Performing Arts Center). Each event has been designed to entertain residents and visitors from ages 3 to 103. Everyone is invited!

Details on each month's event will be posted online at SBCityCelebration.com, the month prior to the event. Information is also available by calling 574.235.9798 or 574.235.9951.

South Bend City Celebration is a collaboration between the City of South Bend and the Historic Preservation Commission of South Bend & St. Joseph County. City Celebration complements the implementation of City Plan, South Bend's new 20-year strategic plan for growth and development, by promoting and building awareness of community assets.